REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Voting Members:
Carol Fukunaga, Chair; Kymberly Marcos Pine, Vice-Chair;
Ann H. Kobayashi, Heidi Tsuneyoshi

Committee Meeting Held July 24, 2019

Honorable Ikaika Anderson Chair, City Council City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability, which considered Resolution 19-101 entitled:

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT EVALUATING THE OPERATIONS OF LEEWARD COAST REFUSE DROP-OFF FACILITIES AND RECOMMENDING IMPROVEMENTS THERETO,"

introduced on May 1, 2019, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Department of Environmental Services to prepare a comprehensive report evaluating the operations of Leeward Coast refuse drop-off facilities.

The introducer of the Resolution explained that this request arose from concerns of Waianae residents' concerns over illegal dumping, some of which may have occurred due to lack of facility capacity, inadequate hours of operations, overly strict limits on acceptable materials, staffing issues, and other problems at the Leeward Coast refuse drop-off facilities.

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The Deputy Director of the Department of Environmental Services expressed his willingness to review and evaluate the drop-off facilities. He also discussed the City's plans to build a new refuse drop-off facility at Campbell Industrial Park, which may help alleviate the burden placed on the other Leeward Coast facilities.

A staff member of the Office of Representative Cedric Gates testified in support of the Resolution. The Office of Representative Cedric Gates' written testimony states that this Resolution "has the potential to help our community identify and address some of the critical underlying factors that indirectly contribute to illegal dumping in our community." Your Committee also received supportive testimony from an individual.

Your Committee on Public Infrastructure, Technology and Sustainability is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 19-101 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Fukunaga, Kobayashi, Pine, Tsuneyoshi – 4; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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